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THE LEGISLATIVE WORK.

A Number of Bills Passed—Distinguished Visitors.

DEAR PRESS: Another week has passed since I took pleasure in speaking with you. The wheels of legislation have made but few revolutions during that time. Several bills relating to Louisville and its complicated government have passed both houses, and the proposed measures for that city alone would consume the time of the legislature till the 4th of July.

A bill placing the punishment of local option offenders in the hands of the magistrates and police courts, for final trial, passed the house by almost unanimous vote; a similar bill passed the senate.

A bill to abolish the state board of equalization, or to restrict its powers greatly, is looked upon with great favor and will probably become a law.

The senate passed Cantrell's bill to prevent the use of paris green on tobacco, and it will next engage the attention of the house. Your humble servant would like to hear from the tobacco growers of his district on that subject.

Capitol appropriation talk has steadily gone down, till you can scarcely find any one to converse with you on that subject, except it be an exponent of Louisville or Lexington fitness, or the ideal city to which we could, with equal dignity and propriety transfer that magnificent structure, erected on paper, to a material foundation of rest forever.

A score of celebrated Missourians, headed by four ex-governors, who claim Kentucky as their native place, will pounce down upon us this week and endeavor, under the brilliant festal lamp, through the wine's rosy glow, with the entrancing melody of the world's sweetest music, to cause us to open "the old empty stocking" and take therefrom \$200,000 to advertise Kentucky at the great Exposition. Well, Mr. Editor, you have "been there," and of course you know that the best policy is to "try to look wise and say nothing."

We elected the Hon. James B. McCreary to succeed the Hon. William J. Deboe, of your city, in the U. S. Senate, this week, again, this being the third time I hope my Democratic friends will not grumble about the job being imperfectly done.

We also elected Miss Pauline Hardin for librarian, by acclamation, as Gov. Worthington, for the Republicans, so moved.

Tell interested friends of the Blind and Deaf and Dumb schools that they need never fear that this legislature will put those institutions in the hands of demagogues who only seek to line their own pockets, but that they will continue under the present efficient management to dispense knowledge

and charity to the unfortunate sons and daughters of Kentucky.

The old residents of this city inform me that the "crop of jobs" and schemes to rob the treasury this session is the most prolific within their knowledge. That will give you some idea of the magnitude of the thing.

A great many came here to get office, and the fact that the caucus did not "pan out" does not dispirit them, as they sit supinely by waiting for the legislature to create an office for them to run for.

Every kind of a bill that the human mind can conceive has already been introduced, and you have only to wait and take your choice.

More next week.

Marion F. Pogue.

LOCAL OPTION.

The Bill Making the County a Unity May Pass.

There is going to a hard fight over the Farris Local Option Bill, which is practically the Roberts Local Option Bill of last session. It makes the county the unit in deciding the question of local option, so that if a majority of the voters in a county vote "dry" there can be no liquor sold in any part of that county. Under the present law one district of the county might vote "dry" while another might vote "wet." Counties having large towns or cities under the proposed option law would almost invariably vote "wet," it is claimed, while in the counties containing smaller town it is said the opposite result would be reached. At any rate the county unit rule has been a bone of sharp contention between the prohibitionists and those who favor the sale of liquor. A poll of the two houses by interested persons is said to have resulted in the discovery that the friends of local option have a majority of about two to one in the Senate and of nearly three to one in the House, as matters stand now. Therefore, it is believed that the fight over this question this year will be equally as exciting as it was when the Roberts Bill was before the legislature.

Indications of Oil.

Princeton, Ky., Jan. 25.—J. J. Boynton, who has been boring for oil for some time on the farm of W. F. O'Hara, four miles south of Princeton, this week brought to town some pulverized stone. The stone was taken from the bottom of the well at a depth of 800 feet. It has the color of crude petroleum. The prospects of oil in Caldwell county are flattering, and Mr. Boynton thinks it is a matter of a few days until he has oil in abundance.

Cut this out and take it to Haynes' drug store and get a free sample of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets, the best physic. They also cure disorders of the stomach, biliousness and headache.

THE BEGINNING

Of an Industry that will Enrich Western Kentucky.

Development of Spar Mines is Revolutionizing Crittenden County.

Needmore! Yes, Needmore. That used to be the name of the little hamlet in the Southwestern part of Crittenden county that now bears the euphonic name of Frances, and was so-called in honor of the wife of ex-president Cleveland.

A representative of the Tale of Two Cities made a tour through the spar fields surrounding that quaint little hamlet last week and was astonished at the developments that are taking place there in mining fluor spar, the valuable mineral that is now revolutionizing the manufacture and working of iron and steel.

Nineteen years before the same pencil pusher was at the same hamlet, and when he asked the name of their little town and was told that it was "Needmore," and when he took a look at the impoverished soil he became thoroughly convinced that the name was no misnomer, and was the most appropriately named town in the United States.

The town has undergone quite a change, several business houses and residences now adorn it, and the only hotel is kept by Judge Pogue, father of the Hon. Marion Pogue, the popular representative from Crittenden and Livingston counties, now at Frankfort, where he is regarded as one of the best men in the lower house. Judge Pogue is a typical Southern gentleman, who delights in reminiscences of long ago, and in making his guests feel at ease and comfortable.

From almost a dreary waste that section of the country surrounding Frances has become a veritable bee-hive, miners, prospectors, and capitalists all in a rush to better their financial condition by developing the spar mining business.

Almost in a stone's throw of Frances is located the Asbridge mines, which were opened about two years ago. This mine is worked by four or five men, and it was learned that the profits on the spar taken from that mine last year was over \$8,000. The vein is almost inexhaustible and it is claimed can be worked profitably for the next fifty years.

Within eighty feet of the Asbridge mine is the McClelland mines, which promises to be even a greater producer of spar than the Asbridge. The mine has been opened since the first of December, by Mr. F. A. McClelland, who represents an Eddyville company. He has secured leases and options on some very valuable mineral lands, and opened six or eight small mines, or prospect holes, two or three becoming paying mines from the second or third day after beginning. Mr. McClelland is an experienced mineral man, having been engaged in the mining business in Indiana for a good many years before coming to Eddyville. He is an expert on spar and is already quite familiar with the location and course of the various spar veins.

Three kinds of spar are found in seemingly inexhaustible quantities—the sand, the gravel and the rock spar, which sells at from \$5 to \$18 per ton. This spar is considered a very high grade, and is hauled to Mexico, a station on the O. V. branch of the Illinois

Central railroad, four and one half miles from Frances. It costs only 25 to 40 cents a ton to get the spar mined and from sixty-five cents to one dollar and a quarter to haul by wagon to Mexico.

The Hodge mine, said to be the largest and best paying spar mine in the world, is only one and a half miles from Frances. It puts out from forty to sixty tons a day. Mr. Johnnie Hodge, upon whose land this mine is located, it is said gets three thousand dollars a year as royalty, while the operators of this mine receive from this property and some other mines in the county a net income of more than four hundred and fifty dollars per day.

The Yandell and Tabb and the Tabor are the names of some of the other mines, all within a radius of three miles of Frances, or Needmore. They are all doing a fine business, and new mines are being opened every week. Yet it is not a question of how much can be sold, but how much can be furnished. Speculators are begging for contracts for the entire output for the next five or ten years.

No field in Kentucky promises such magnificent returns for the small capital with intelligent effort as the fluor spar fields of Crittenden and Livingston counties, not even excepting the coal oil fields. Besides fluor spar, they have lead and zinc in great abundance and some little silver.

Indeed that whole section will soon be honey-combed by the industrious miner, and that country that seemed fit only for sassafras sprouts, broom sage and dirt dobers will soon be made to blossom as the rose, and prosperity and plenty will abound everywhere.—Tale of Two Cities.

Driver Heir to Fortune.

Morganfield, Ky., Jan. 25.—Warren M. Dent, a driver for the Morganfield Steam Laundry, has just received word that he has fallen heir to \$150,000. [A rich uncle in Scotland died leaving all of his property to his only relative, who is Dent.]

Dent was employed by the Morganfield ice company until this fall, when he accepted a position to drive the laundry wagon. His many friends here are heartily congratulating him upon his unexpected good luck.

Profitless Advertising.

What an amount of money is spent annually in profitless advertising! More cash is sunk in circulars, in dead wall displays, and in programs than would be required to fill the pages of the newspapers with profitable announcements every day in the year, and yet business men keep right on, wasting their money in these mediums.

It is easy enough for merchants to prove the relative value of these different forms of publicity as compared with straight newspaper advertising.

Did you personally ever go and buy anything to which your attention had been called by a circular? Few people whom we have ever met—and we have met a great many—have admitted that they have. On the other hand, if you are honest you will acknowledge that you have made many purchases of articles advertised in the columns of the magazines and newspapers.—Editor and Publisher.

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TRADEWATER SURVEY.

Congressman Allen Asks for An Appropriation for the River.

Washington, Jan. 24.—Representative Allen appeared before the Rivers and Harbor committee this morning and requested that a sufficient amount of money be appropriated for surveying Trade-water and Pond rivers, with the view of determining their practicability for navigation. Mr. Allen believes the survey will be authorized. The committee seemed favorably impressed with his argument and asked a number of questions about the locality through the rivers flow.

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